

The Institute on Religion and Public Policy Lists Turkey for Potential Designation as a Country of Particular Concern in 2009

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The International Religious Freedom Act of 1998 is a law passed by Congress to “promote religious freedom as a U.S. foreign policy goal to combat religious persecution in other countries.” The State Department designates “countries of particular concern” for their “systematic, ongoing, and egregious” violations of religious liberty.”

“The U.S. Commission on International Religious Freedom (USCIRF) was created by the International Religious Freedom Act of 1998 to monitor the status of freedom of thought, conscience, and religion or belief abroad, as defined in the Universal Declaration of Human Rights and related international instruments, and to give independent policy recommendations to the President, the Secretary of State, and the Congress.”

“The Institute on Religion and Public Policy (IRPP) is an international, inter-religious non-profit organization that has been nominated twice for the Nobel Peace Prize. It advocates for freedom of religion and belief. The Institute is dedicated to ensuring freedom of religion as the foundation for security, stability, and democracy.”